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The references were cited in two counterpart foreign applications in the attached Japanese Communications (Office Actions) dated November 9, 2004, i.e., less than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communications are attached for the Examiner's information. Both the English translations of the Japanese Communications and the English Abstracts for the references are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references.

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